

## JOHN JR. AND MARY McDONALD HAMILTON FATHER



John Hamilton, Sr. was born in Saintsfeld County of Down, Ireland, July 12, 1807, a son of Abel Hamilton and Mary Jamison. Married Mary Creighton, daughter of John and Myra Creighton on May 22 1827.

### SON, JOHN JR.

John Hamilton Jr. was born August 6, 1834, at Hillsborough County of Down, Ireland a son of John and Mary Creighton Hamilton. Married Mary McDonald, October 1, 1854. She was born October 4, 1838, at Craford's Burn, County of Down, Ireland, a daughter of James and Sarah Ferguson McDonald. Mary died at Buysville (Daniel) December 3, 1899. John married Janet (Jennett) Cochren, May 15, 1901. She died February 7, 1912, at Waterloo, Mont. John died April 9, 1917, at Heber.

Life History of John Jr. and  
Mary McDonald Hamilton

John Hamilton Sr. was raised in Hillsborough, County of Down and learned the blacksmith's trade with his father.

He and wife had three sons, William, Samuel and John Jr.

John Sr. and Mary Creighton had been brought up strictly in the Church of England and thought it was the true church until they heard Elder Theodore Curtis teach. They were baptized in November 1840.

John Sr., and Mary C. with their sons

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Samuel and John Jr. started for America December 31, 1842. They took a ship from Belfast to Liverpool. They stayed in Liverpool because of high winds until they could leave on January 16, 1843, in the charge of Lemuel Snow on the ship *Swanton* of Bath with Capt. Davenport who was very kind to them. They landed at New Orleans on March 15, 1843, and from there went up the Mississippi and reached Nauvoo on April 12, 1843. He went to work as a blacksmith to sharpen tools for the stone cutters on August 15 after he had blacksmithed for the Prophet Joseph Smith for 31 days.

John Jr. was baptized in the Mississippi River by Elder Theodore Curtis in 1843. They remained in Nauvoo until 1847 when they were driven across the Mississippi River by the mob. From here John Sr. went to Missouri where he was engaged as a blacksmith until 1850. They saw all the persecution of the Prophet Joseph and the saints and when Joseph and Hyrum were taken by the posse.

The people in Missouri, where he was engaged as a blacksmith, when they learned he was planning to leave for the mountains, offered to fence a farm and build a house for him if he would remain. But he told them he had left his native land for his religion and that he was going to the valleys of the mountains in Salt Lake. The house was crowded with people for nearly a week to bid them goodbye.

They started the first of May 1850, and arrived in Salt Lake September 15, 1850. At that time George A. Smith was calling for volunteers to go south to make a settlement which was later called Parowan. Samuel volunteered to go, but went into the adobe yards in Salt Lake and made enough adobes to build a small house before leaving for Parowan. He arrived there January 16, 1851. John Sr. bought a city lot, built an adobe house and went to work at the Public Blacksmith shop. The rest of the family went to Parowan, the following fall.

July 24, 1853, the Walker War broke out and John Jr. served through the entire war. "We were ordered into Cedar from where we lived on Shirts Creek or what is now Hamilton Fort. We had to gather our crops by working all day and standing guard every other night, until the war which lasted two years, ended."

When but a little more than five years old, his wife, Mary McDonald, and brothers

and sisters came to America. They settled in Nauvoo in the spring of 1844, where they remained until the summer of 1847, when they moved to Bonaparte, Iowa.

In 1850 the McDonald family started for Utah, arriving in Salt Lake City in September of that year. The father died of cholera during the trip.

They went to Mountainville (now known as Alpine) Utah County, where they lived during the winter. In the spring of 1851 they moved to Springville. Here she met and fell in love with John Hamilton, a young man from Iron County. They were married and immediately after went to Cedar City.

In 1855 John was called to go to Las Vegas, Nevada for a year to work in the lead mines. The mines failed and he returned in six weeks.

In 1856 John and Mary moved to Shirts Creek, building a fort 96 feet square with walls three feet thick, there, and that same fall John was called to Salt Lake to take handcart brothers and sisters to Cedar City. In the fall of 1858 they returned to Springville and in 1859 moved to Provo Valley, where Mary was the second woman to enter the valley. In 1859 John was appointed sheriff of Provo Valley by Brigham Young, an office he held five years. He took up land and built the first rock house in Heber.

In 1864 the Black Hawk War broke out and John served in it as a major and was out on several expeditions. They had to go armed wherever they went.

In the spring of 1868, the grasshoppers devoured their crops so John took a four mule team and made a trip to Laramie, Wyo., for freight. When he returned in the fall he worked for the U.P. Railroad in Echo Canyon a month and then with his family, went to visit his parents at Hamilton's Fort. They urged him to move back, which they did.

In 1869 they adopted an Indian girl, Anna Mennorow, who was born October 10, 1867, they obtained her in exchange for a horse.

In 1870 John had a contract to haul the U.S. mail from Cedar City to St. George twice a week, later three times a week until 1874. He built a large brick house and devoted his time to farming and teaming.

In 1891 they returned to Heber where John bought a farm at Buysville where they resided until Mary died December 3, 1899. In 1892, John was ordained a High Priest by Apostle Francis M. Lyman. Same year

was made first counselor to William McGee, presiding elder. Later he was set apart as ward clerk by F. M. Lyman.

John visited a son at Hamilton Fort and Idaho, returning to Heber in 1901. He visited around with his children in Utah, Idaho and Montana and then came to spend his last days with his daughter Mrs. George (Sarah) McDonald at Heber.

Funeral services for John were held in the Second Ward. The Indian War veterans attended the services in a body, carrying the flag. Counselor Crook took charge of the service. The Second Ward choir rendered musical selections. J. C. McDonald gave the opening prayer. R. S. Duke, J. R. Murdock, E. D. Clyde and Bishop Joseph Rasband eulogized their dead friend. Closing prayer was by Henry L. McMullin.

At Daniel, John had a small store at his residence which stood on an acre on the T. H. Jones farm, just over the fence east of the John P. Anderson farm. His first place was on what is the Oaks farm. He also brought molasses from the Utah's Dixie to sell.

Mary and John were the parents of twelve children:

John Creighton, James McDonald, Abel Samuel, Mary Lovina Jane, Margaret Francis, Emma Elizabeth, Rachel Jamerson, Joseph Layson, Anna Mennorow, Indian girl.

## ANNA MENNORROW HAMILTON

Anna Menmorrow was born October 15, 1866, daughter of Lamanite parents, Paw-wow-a-wools (Menmorrow) and Wear-ament, or Jennie, of the Piute tribe. When she was 1½ years of age she was given to John and Mary Hamilton at Hamilton Fort, Iron County, Utah, having been born in that vicinity, in exchange for a horse. Food was scarce among the Indians and one mouth less to feed meant more food for the other children. In the Hamilton family she had many foster brothers and sisters and was treated kindly by these good people. During her childhood days she assisted in milking and herding the cows, making butter and cheese and other chores along with the Hamilton children. Her Indian mother often came to visit her, bringing gifts of pine nuts, and was usually accompanied by one or two little sisters, so that she did not lose contact with her own family for many years. Her mother was 80 years old and blind when she saw her for the last time. She (Anna) does not know exactly when she died or where she is buried.

In 1874, when Anna was eight years old, she was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As Anna grew older she wanted to attend school and the desire became so strong she determined to go where she could earn enough money to obtain an education. There were no schools where the Hamiltons resided and she could seldom attend meeting or Sunday School.

One day, when she was in her teens, she decided to go to Cedar City. Unmindful of her responsibility of herding the cows, she started down into the valley. Many miles and many hours later Anna arrived at the home of her foster brother and his wife, where she was kindly received. She lived in the home of Peter Fife for awhile. Then, with the family of Uriah T. Jones, she made money doing housework.

In the meantime, the foster parents, John and Mary Hamilton, had moved to Heber City to make their home. Mrs. Hamilton

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became very ill and sent for Anna, who agreed to stay to care for her. She remained until she died. After the death of her foster mother, Anna returned to Salt Lake City, where she lived in the home of Sadie Green McNeal while she attended a private school conducted by Mildred Randall. After a short time she went to work for Lulu Green Richards until she completed her school term. Soon after, Anna became interested in a home economics course being taught by Grace Cannon in the old Constitution Bldg. The course cost \$20. When it was completed, Anna was given a letter of high recommendation, which helped her to get positions in some of the best homes in Salt Lake City, including the A. W. McCune and H. G. McMill residences.

Deciding that she would like to travel, Anna left Salt Lake City for San Francisco, California, where she secured employment in the home of an army captain for two years. She later went with the family to Seattle, Washington. After the children grew up, Anna worked in the home of Mr. Pan-tages of show fame, and later in a boarding house it caught fire one night and she was injured. Her possessions were also destroyed. Upon leaving the hospital she was given necessary clothing by a doctor.

Returning to Salt Lake City, she was employed a number of years in the home of John C. Howard. She then worked at St. Mark's Hospital, as a pastry maker, and later as head cook. From St. Mark's she went to the Salt Lake County Hospital and from there to the Bingham Hospital, where she was employed as head cook for four years.

Anna was a member of the Fourteenth Ward, Salt Lake Stake. She was selected Relief Society teacher and set apart for that office on January 28, 1942, by Elder George D. Eyre. She gathered the genealogy of her parents and family as far as she was able and had baptisms and other Temple ordinances performed for them. She has served as Daughters of Utah Pioneers librarian for Camp 14. She now lives at the home of a foster niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hatch, at Kennewick, Washington, where she writes she is treated kindly and that she is making new friends, but not forgetting the old. She is a kindly, humble

person, striving in every way to be a faithful Latter-day Saint. Her life has been filled with service to others and a credit to her Lamanite heritage.

Anna Menmorrow Hamilton died Easter Sunday, April 6, 1958.